establishment of post-harvest management infrastructure by fruit and vegetable cooperatives so as to enable them to market and process agricultural produce. It ranges from 60% to 95% of the project cost.

Amount Spent on ICAR

4145. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the amount spent so far on Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) since its inception, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : The expenditure incurred by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) from 1947-48 to 1998-99 year-wise is enclosed as statement *(See* below). Prior to 1947, it was known as Imperial Council of Agricultural Research which was initially established in 1929 registered under Society Act, 1860.

STATEMENT

Indian Council of Agricultural Research Statement Showing Expenditure Incurred by ICAR, from 1947 to 1998

(In Lakhs of Rupees)

Financial Year	Total Expenditure Incurred by I. C. A. R.
(1)	(2)
1947-48	16.26
1948-49	17.97
1949-50	17.53
1950-51	18.30
1951-52	42.03
1952-53	35.57
1953-54	42.32
1954-55	53.31
1955-56	53.87
1956-57	53.87
1957-58	77.76

(1)	(2)
1958-59	68.30
1959-60	92.00
1960-61	107.96
1961-62	102.89
1962-63	130.39
1963-64	.108.61
1964-65	135.59
1965-66	186.87
1966-67	744.87
1967-68	1021.95
1968-69	1314.32
1969-70	1499.43
1970-71	1950.15
1971-72	2559.58
1972-73	3064.99
1973-74	3035.18
1974-75	3047.23
1975-76	4176.55
1976-77	4879.87
1977-78	6086.06
1978-79	7056.29
1979-80	7460.99
1980,-81	8068.89
1981-82	9107.30
1982-83	11046.75
1983-84	12136.06
1984-85	14279.57
1985-86	15138.03
1986-87	16883.59

(1)	(2)
1987-88	17940.31
1988-89	21081.69
1989-90	25908.96
1990-91	30542.31
1991-92	32751.44
1992-93	36276.00
1993-94	44924.00
1994-95	50378.00
1995-96	53417.05
1996-97	60993.15
1997-98	69538.33
1998-99	97249.05

Benefits for people engaged in food processing sector

4146. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to give many benefits to all those engaged in food processing sector;

(b) if so. what are the benefits that are being considered; and

(c) by when the proposal will be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRl SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) to (c) The Government has taken a number of policy initiatives to promote the growth of processed food sector in the country. Some of these are as under :—

(i) Under the plan Schemes of the Department of Food Processing Industries, financial assistance in the form of soft loan grant is provided to private industries, public sector undertakings. Non-Governmental Organisations, Cooperatives. Human Resource Development Organisations and Research & Development Institutions etc., for the development of processed food sector.